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April 10, 2006 (Wood County Conservation Congress Spring Hearing)

**Resolution: Provide increased law enforcement protection of "the best of the best" in Wisconsin's whitetail deer population.**

250 words or less  
~~The whitetail bucks that have physical development of antlers that set them apart from other deer are considered an extremely valuable trait to admire, from the perspective of both hunters and non-hunters. The development of these traits - to my understanding - is influenced by both internal (genetics & health) and external (food quality) sources. The genetic aspects of whitetail deer are not yet understood as an exact science, but the genetic aspects of cattle are much better understood, protected, valued and manipulated for the benefit of future cattle herds. Through using, as an example, a farmer's bull that has physical development that sets it apart from other bulls as superior - should the farmer cull the bull or try to disperse its superior genetics to carry on these desirable traits? I would hope he would wisely disperse the bull genetics for as long as possible.~~

The value that is currently being placed by too many hunters onto whitetail bucks with superior traits exceeds the risk and cost of current citations and court fees for illegally culling these superior bucks for their own satisfaction. The need for increased protection of these possible genetic traits within Wisconsin's deer population will increase as deer populations decrease toward management goals. I feel there should be much more of a maximum fine that exists for illegal taking of superior quality whitetail bucks. The proactive possibilities for increasing the price of greedily taking superior whitetail bucks after hours or through other illegal methods could involve charging \$1000 or more per tine, because that is at least as much as some deer killers place on getting "THEIR" big buck. The need for this increase is also influenced by the access hunters have to technologies that can allow them to see and communicate better in darkness than most if not all animals. The use of night vision technology could be a useful tool for the humane management of whitetail deer, but should be discouraged by law enforcement from use in greedy mismanagement of whitetail deer.

Please increase protection for the best of the best in Wisconsin's whitetail deer from the worst of the worst in Wisconsin's greedy/selfish hunters.

Sincerely,

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